GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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INDO-US COORDINATION IN RECONSTRUCTION WORK IN AFGHANISTAN
BODAKUNTI VENKATESHWARLU

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India and the U.S. have held talks to coordinate the reconstruction work in Afghanistan and enhance stability in that country;

(b) if so, whether both the countries have agreed to train Afghanistan army and police;

(c) if so, the number of Indian personnel to be sent to Afghanistan to impart training; and

(d) the details in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH)

(a)-(d) As part of our efforts to assist Afghanistan, India has actively participated in various international efforts aimed at reconstruction and rebuilding Afghanistan. India has also been in bilateral dialogue with several countries, including the US, that have interests in Afghanistan, to discuss aspects relating to institution building of the Afghan Interim Administration in various fields, including in the field of Defence.